

State of California – Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: State Clearinghouse
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From: Department of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination, in compliance with §21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Waddell Estuary Enhancement and Management Project

State Clearinghouse Number: 2001122015

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Project Location: Big Basin Redwoods State Park, Santa Cruz County, California

Project Description:


The Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to conduct resource management activities on the grounds of Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The following is a summary of the proposed work:

- Install interpretive signage;
- Improve California red-legged frog (CRLF) habitat by removal of tule mat, creation of seasonally wet ponds, and review existing water diversions and evaluate for appropriateness;
- Introduce natural woody material to provide western pond turtle basking sites;
- Eradicate English and cape ivy, pampas grass, poison hemlock, Monterey cypress, harding grass, and other exotic vegetation;
- Remove feral pigs in the wetland; and
- Continue studies and surveys of sensitive species (San Francisco garter snake (SFGS), black rail, western pond turtle, and CRLF).

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved this project on ⁸⁻²⁵⁻⁰⁵ and has made the following determinations:

1. ☒ The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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2. ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
☐ A Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with CEQA, and has been presented to the decision-making body of this Department for its independent review and consideration of the information, prior to approval of the project.
3. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not made conditions of project approval.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made on environmental effects of the project.

The Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Northern Service Center, located at One Capitol Mall – Suite 410, Sacramento, California 95814.


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Date